

Amendments to the Title:

Product and Method for Producing a Nonwoven Material by Hydrodynamic

Needling

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, amend the paragraph beginning on line 4 to read as follows:

It is an object of the invention to form a method for producing a sandwich nonwoven that makes special properties possible. Thus, for example, the end product is to have a high liquid absorption capacity on one side while the other surface is instead to be tight or better suited to the absorption of other liquids, in any case is to differ in its properties from the other surface.

Page 1, amend the paragraph beginning on line 8 to read as follows:

In order to achieve the object, provision is made for ~~producing the nonwoven material from~~developing a method for producing an at least four-~~ply sandwich nonwoven material by continuous forming of the plies, which are bonded to one another by hydrodynamic needling in order to bond~~that is, first the base ply, then the at least two middle plies and finally the cover ply, then continuous bonding of the nonwoven material, four-ply in any case, by hydrodynamic needling alone, followed by drying of the nonwoven material, the two outer plies being made up of produced from nonwovens of cardable-staple fibers up to 100 mm long, which are produced by the carding method or formed from spun-bond, or melt-blown or other special-fibers, and the at least two inner plies covered by the outer plies being made up of produced from unlike pulp fibers or pulp fibers blended with synthetic fibers or natural fibers, and the middle plies, two in any case, having unlike liquid absorption capacities. The pulp fibers with other fibers such as synthetic fibers or natural fibers or other fibers or can also be made up of absorptive substances such as for example superabsorbers.